COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *10th of December 1928.* / *25th of Vrischigam 1104.*

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. I. E. Ambooken and T. K. Nayar were absent.

Swearing in of a New Member.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

President's Opening Speech.

President.—Hon'ble Members,—This is practically, though not in name, the first meeting of the Legislative Session of this year, and the sitting of three days we had in Kanni last must be considered as more or less special to the year, having for its object the consideration of the Special Finance Committee's report. Let me extend to you all the usual cordial welcome on this occasion and invite your hearty co-operation and help in conducting the business of the Council in a dignified and useful manner.

You may all remember that we had parted last time on the day preceding the 70th Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja, and that, on the conclusion of the sitting on that day, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the House:—"*That this Council requests the Honourable the President to convey to His Highness the Maharaja the respectful, sincere and heartfelt congratulations of the Council on the happy and auspicious occasion of His Highness' 70th Birthday and the Council's earnest prayer to the All-Merciful Providence to vouchsafe to His Highness a long and prosperous life*".

It was my great privilege to communicate in all humility this resolution of the Council to His Highness immediately, and I have been commanded by His Highness to convey to the Honourable Members of the Council (*all the Members stood up*) His Highness' sincere appreciation of the heartfelt manifestations of loyalty and good wishes on the part of the representatives of the people, both non-official and official, sitting in this Council and His Highness' thanks to the Members of the Council for the same (*the Members sat down*). It is well-known to us all how magnificently that unique event, the memorable 70th Birthday of His Highness, was celebrated throughout the State. The numerous loving subjects of His Highness observed

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